## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising:

at least one thin film transistor (TFT), an interlayer insulator, and at least one reflective pixel electrode defining at least part of a pixel of the LCD and being supported by a substrate, wherein the interlayer insulator is located at least partially between the reflective pixel electrode and the substrate, and

a film comprising molybdenum nitride formed immediately below and in contact with the reflective pixel electrode, and above and contacting the interlayer insulator, so that the molybdenum nitride is at least partially located between and contacting each of the reflective pixel electrode and the interlayer insulator so that a bottom surface of the molybdenum nitride is located over and contacting a top surface of the interlayer insulator and a top surface of the molybdenum nitride is located under and contacting the reflective pixel electrode.

2. (Previously presented) The LCD according to claim 1, wherein the reflective pixel electrode comprises aluminum (Al).

- 3. (Previously presented) The LCD according to claim 1, wherein the film comprising molybdenum nitride has a nitrogen content between 5 atomic % and 30 atomic %.
- 4. (Previously presented) The LCD according to claim 1, wherein the interlayer insulator comprises a photosensitive resin.
- 5. (Currently amended) The LCD according to claim 1, wherein the <u>interlayer</u> insulator <del>insulating film</del> comprises a polymeric resin.
  - 6. (Canceled)
  - 7. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display comprising:
  - a pair of substrates,
  - a liquid crystal layer between the pair of substrates,
- a laminated layer provided on at least one of the substrates, wherein the laminated layer comprises an insulating film and a film comprising molybdenum nitride laminated to and over at least part of the insulating film, so that the molybdenum nitride contacts an upper surface of the insulating film; and
- a reflective metal film having a light reflecting function and provided in at least one pixel region of the display for contributing to displaying of images in the display,

KOKURA et al Appl. No. 09/696,220

January 20, 2004

wherein the reflective metal film is formed on the laminated layer so as to contact the

molybdenum nitride.

8. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal display according to claim 7, wherein

the film comprising molybdenum nitride has a nitrogen content between 5 atomic % and

30 atomic %.

9. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal display according to claim 7, wherein

the reflective metal film is a pixel electrode for applying a voltage to the liquid crystal

layer.

10. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal display according to claim 7, further

comprising an electrode comprising indium-tin oxide (ITO) formed on the same substrate

on which the reflective metal film is formed, wherein the film comprising molybdenum

nitride is provided at least partially between the reflective metal film and the electrode

comprising ITO.

11. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising:

at least one thin film transistor (TFT),

an insulating layer at least partially provided over the TFT, and wherein address

lines of the LCD are in communication with the TFT;

-4-

at least one reflective pixel electrode defining at least part of a pixel of the LCD; and

a film comprising molybdenum <u>nitride</u> in direct contact with the under-side of said reflective pixel electrode, so that [[the]] molybdenum <u>of said film comprising</u>

<u>molybdenum nitride</u> is in <u>direct directly</u> contact with <u>both (a)</u> the under-side of the reflective pixel electrode and (b) an upper surface of the insulating layer <del>between which</del> the molybdenum is directly sandwiched.

## 12-14. (Canceled)

- 15. (Currently amended) The LCD of claim 1, wherein the pixel electrode is in electrical communication with a drain electrode [[(54)]] of the TFT through a contact hole [[(66)]] defined in the interlayer insulator, and wherein the reflective pixel electrode is located over and contacting the film comprising molybdenum nitride at least in areas spaced apart from not in said contact hole.
- 16. (Currently amended) The display of claim 7, wherein the reflective metal film is in electrical communication with a drain electrode [[(54)]] of a TFT through a contact hole [[(66)]] defined in the insulating film, and wherein the reflective metal film is located over and contacting the molybdenum nitride at least in areas spaced apart from not in said contact hole.

17. (Currently amended) The LCD of claim 11, wherein the pixel electrode is in electrical communication with a drain electrode [[(54)]] of the TFT through a contact hole [[(66)]] defined in the insulating layer, and wherein the pixel electrode is located over and contacting the film comprising molybdenum nitride at least in areas spaced apart from not in said contact hole.